



National Science Foundation

Excepted Position Vacancy

ANNOUNCEMENT NO: E20020162

OPEN: 09/11/02

CLOSE: 10/02/02

THIS IS A PERMANENT POSITION.

POSITION VACANT: Science Policy Analyst, AD-101-3. Annual salary ranges from \$66,229 to \$104,336.

LOCATION: Office of Legislative and Public Affairs (OLPA), Office of the Director, Arlington, VA.

BARGAINING UNIT STATUS: This position is excluded from the bargaining unit and will be filled in accordance with the Merit Promotion Plan described in NSF Manual 14 (PER II-100).

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: All Sources.

THIS POSITION IS OUTSIDE THE COMPETITIVE CIVIL SERVICE

Appointment to this position will be made under the Excepted Authority of the NSF Act. Candidates who do not have civil service status or reinstatement eligibility will not obtain civil service status if selected. Candidates currently in the competitive service will be required to waive competitive civil service rights if selected. Usual civil service benefits (retirement, health benefits, life insurance) are applicable for appointments of more than one year.

The Office of Legislative and Public Affairs (OLPA) is responsible for the management of the Foundation's relations with the Congress and for conducting programs that inform the public of the Foundation's activities.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The incumbent for this position will be responsible for managing a portfolio of assignments which require selecting, analyzing, and articulating key policy issues. The portfolio includes speeches, position papers, policy briefs, testimony, analyses, editorials and similar documents for the Director and Deputy Director of the Foundation. Additional duties and responsibilities include the following:

- Identifies legislative and policy issues important to NSF and the science and engineering research and education community. Monitors and assesses the progress of the annual budget resolution, appropriations process, various science and technology policy legislative initiatives, and other key Congressional developments.
- Drafts speeches for the Director and Deputy Director, NSF and defends the NSF budget within the legislative process based on experience with and knowledge of Agency operations, goals, priorities, policies, procedures and objectives. Writes or assists in the preparation of testimony before Congress.
- Arrives independently through study and research, at defensible positions about the quality and value of major Foundation programs and policies in science and engineering and science and engineering education and is responsible for presenting these positions to the Director and Deputy Director for their use.

- Independently pursues intensive research, identification, and resolution of complex and often difficult national policy issues in science and engineering. This requires expert knowledge of a wide range of science and engineering policy.
- Handles sensitive and confidential matters related to the NSF Director and Deputy Director, and to the agency's management, staffing, and grant-making. Such information includes: long-range agency budget planning and approaches; future programmatic directions and strategy; pre-announcement details of major Foundation grants and awards; sensitive information on agency relations with Congress, the Executive Branch, industry, state and local government officials, and leadership of the science and engineering community; and private/personal views of Director and Deputy Director on key science policy matters.
- May serve as Executive Secretary or in a similar capacity to committees or other groups with which the Director and Deputy Director are concerned. This includes advisory committees, study commissions, interagency working groups, or similar organizations

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: Applicants must possess a Ph.D. or equivalent experience in social science plus four or more years of successful research, research administration, and/or managerial experience pertinent to the position.

SELECTIVE FACTOR: To be rated eligible for this position, applicants must show that they possess the following experience:

Demonstrated ability in writing and explaining science, technology, and engineering policy issues to the general public.

QUALITY RANKING FACTORS:

1. Ability to apply analytical techniques in gathering, analyzing and evaluating complex data and developing appropriate policy recommendations for management's consideration.
2. Skill in applying analytical methods in examining legislation and policy documents for developing required information to explain and defend policy positions.
3. Skill in communicating and collaborating effectively with senior officials inside and outside the agency to make recommendations on a wide spectrum of policy and program initiatives.
4. Ability to plan, organize, conduct and lead work groups in carrying out studies that have broad impact across organizational lines.
5. Experience in producing speeches and related materials concerning science, technology and engineering policy.

BASIS FOR RATING: Final ranking is based on an evaluation of your experience, education and training as they relate to the knowledge, skills and abilities specified in the Quality Ranking Factors. Current performance appraisal, letter(s) of recommendation, and awards may also be used in the evaluation process.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT: Appointment to the position is contingent upon successful completion of the appropriate background investigation. Satisfactory completion of a one-year trial period may also be required.

HOW TO APPLY: You may apply for this position with the *Optional Application for Federal Employment* (OF-612), the older *Application for Federal Employment* (SF-171), a resume, or other application format of your choice - so long as it contains the necessary information (summarized below). You must also submit a current Performance Appraisal or letter(s) of recommendation from professionals who can comment on your capabilities. In order to ensure full consideration, it is recommended that you submit a supplemental statement which specifically addresses how your background and experience relate to each Quality Ranking Factor listed on this announcement.

You must specify the job announcement number, and title and grade(s) of the job for which you are applying. You should also provide the following information: ♦ Your country of citizenship. ♦ Your social security number. ♦ Information about your education, including (1) high school graduation date and (2) college/university information - your major, and type and year of degree(s). If no degree, show total credits earned and indicate whether they are semester or quarter hours. ♦ Information about all your work experience related to this job, including job titles, duties and accomplishments, employer's name and phone number, number of hours worked per week, starting and ending dates (month and year), and annual salary. If you held various positions with the same employer, describe each separately. ♦ If you have Federal civilian experience, indicate the highest grade held, the job series, and dates held. ♦ The brochure *Applying for a Federal Job* provides information on the Federal job application process; it is available by calling the number listed below. **If your application does not provide all the information requested in the vacancy announcement, you may lose consideration for this job.**

The National Science Foundation provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities on a case-by-case basis. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the point of contact listed on this vacancy announcement.

Submit all application material to National Science Foundation, Division of Human Resource Management, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 315, Arlington, VA 22230. Attn: Announcement Number E20020162. In addition to the required application materials, you are asked to complete and submit the attached Applicant Survey form. Submission of this form is voluntary and will not affect your application for employment. The information is used for statistical purposes only. **ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CLOSING DATE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.** For additional information call Myra Loyd, on (703) 292-4363. Hearing impaired individuals may call TDD (703) 292-8044.

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APPLICANT SURVEY

OMB No. 3145-0096
Expiration: 7/31/2005

Vacancy Ann. #: _____ Position Status (temporary/permanent): _____

Position Title/Series/Grade: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Your completion of this form will be appreciated. Submission of this Information is voluntary and it will have no effect on the processing of your application. The data collected will be used only for statistical purposes to ensure that agency personnel practices meet the requirements of Federal law. Pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(b), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection is 3145-0096. NSF estimates that each respondent should take about 3 minutes to complete this survey, including time to read the instructions. You may have comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this survey, including suggestions for reducing this burden. If so, please send them to NSF Reports Clearance Officer, Division of Administrative Services, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA. 22230.

PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION

GENERAL - This information is provided pursuant to Public Law 93-579 (Privacy Act of 1974), December 31, 1974, for individuals completing Federal records and forms that solicit personal information.

AUTHORITY - Section 7201 of title 5 of the U.S. Code and Section 2000e-16 of title 42 of the U.S. Code.

PURPOSE AND ROUTINE USES

The information is used for research and for a Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program (FEORP) to help insure that agency personnel practices meet the requirements of Federal law. Address questions concerning this form and its uses to the Privacy Act Officer, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA 22230.

1. Today's Date: _____ 2. Year of Birth: _____

3. How did you learn about the particular position for which you are applying? (Circle appropriate number.)

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| 01 - Newspaper (specify) _____ | 10 - Federal, State or local job information center |
| 02 - Contact with NSF Personnel Office
(Agency Bulletin Board or other Announcement) | 11 - State vocational rehabilitation agency or
Veterans Administration |
| 03 - NSF-initiated personal contact | 12 - State employment office |
| 04 - Science Magazine, or other professional journal or magazine
(specify) _____ | 13 - School or college counselor or other official |
| 05 - Affirmative Action Register | 14 - Private job Information service |
| 06 - Attendance at conference, meeting or job fair
(specify) _____ | 15 - Private employment service |
| 07 - NSF recruitment at school or college | 16 - Friend or relative working at NSF |
| 08 - Colleague referral | 17 - Friend or relative not working at NSF |
| 09 - NSF Bulletin | 18 - NSF website |
| | 19 - Internet or other website |
| | 20 - Other (specify) _____ |

4. Select the ethnic category with which you most closely identify:

- A. **Hispanic or Latino.** A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- B. **Not Hispanic or Latino.**

5. Select one or more racial category with which you most closely identify:

- A. **American Indian or Alaska Native.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- B. **Asian.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- C. **Black or African American.** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- D. **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- E. **White.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

6. Sex (Circle the appropriate letter.) F - Female M - Male

7. Please provide Information on your disability status by circling the appropriate category below:

1. I do not have a disability; 2. Hearing impairment; 3. Vision impairment; 4. Missing extremities; 5. Partial paralysis;
6. Complete paralysis; 7. Convulsive disorder; 8. Mental retardation; 9. Mental or emotional illness; 10. Severe distortion of limbs
and/or spine; 11. I have a disability but it is not listed.

FOR AGENCY USE

Agency Code: _____

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